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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the subject application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 14, lines 13-25, amend paragraph as follows.

The system 300 [330] includes an optical scanner 450 to examine the web 302 and fastener 304. Thus, the optical scanner 450 is a quality assurance tool. As shown, the optical scanner 450 is upstream from the laser beams 400[,] and 410, and determines whether the operations performed on the fastener 304 and/or web 302 have been done pursuant to certain criteria, such as the positioning of a slider on the fastener 304, the locations of any previous seals in the fastener 304 or web 302, or the position of any end stops (such as the ends stops 24 in FIGS. 1-5). The optical scanner 450 could also be located beyond the laser beams 400 and 410

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